

“Building Our Sense of Community”

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2000: It's almost here!



Shelton students can't help but wonder what the new millennium will bring for them

By The Courier Staff

The next time this paper comes out, you will be writing 2000 on all your papers and checks. It will finally be here—the new millennium. The next time you see your classmates and teachers at ol' Shelton we'll know just how much fuss that Y2K bug really caused. It will all be over. Or will it?

Perhaps it will all just be be-

ginning. If there is any significance to the year 2000, we will only know it as the century progresses. Maybe it will be a time of tremendous growth for humanity after all.

One cannot deny that the turn of the 20th century seems, looking back now, to have had great significance to the inventors and builders who brought us such marvels as airplanes. Think about it. When the century began, nothing had ever

flown under control through the air with man-made methods. A hundred years later we are still crashing things, but at least the crashes take place on the surface of Mars!

Most students, faculty and staff at Shelton seem to be taking this change in era in stride. A poll among the students indicated that an even 50 percent feel the year 2000 will not mark a turning point in civilization. But, perhaps, it is

significant that 25 percent do feel there is something to all this hulla-baloo after all.

Samantha Hastings, a sophomore, believes some exciting things are around the corner. “I don't think we can possibly know what they are, but I feel in my gut that great things are coming. I for one can't wait to see what lies ahead.”

Student Lida Williams knows what needs to be done. “We need to

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work on a new era in race relations. We as a people need to build a better society.”

Before we can witness the marvels—or lack thereof—of the new age, we need to get through New Years and see just how powerful the Y2K bug is. The majority of students at Shelton (60%) believe there will be just a little disruption to the normal flow of things.

But what should we do?

Most experts agree that we should all take a few precautions to protect ourselves. The consensus of opinion by experts is:

- Read Y2k provided by local government officials, banks, power and telephone companies and other important service providers

- Prepare as you would for a long holiday weekend by having at least a three-day supply of food and water

- Keep copies of important records—particularly your bank and

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Remembering Tracy Parish—and her children— this Christmas

Tracy Ann Parish, a student at Shelton State Community College, was murdered on the morning of April 25. She left behind four children Melanie, 13, Natasha 12, Chelisa, 9 and Alex, 7.

These children have not only lost their mother, but they also witnessed the murder. They currently live with their grandmother in Greenville, Miss. and are in need of clothing and gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Beth Hoven, adjunct faculty,

is taking up a collection of these items and/or money donations. These contributions will be accepted and sent to Parish's family the third week of December.

Area stores that would allow for exchanges as necessary (clothing in particular) are: K-mart, Wal-Mart, Stein Mart and J C Penney's. You can deliver your gifts to Jeannine Collins in the copy center. Donations must be turned in by Dec. 17.

According to a letter written by Hoven, “Tracy was a good student, an intelligent woman and was working diligently to make the best for herself and her four children. Although Tracy was unable to finish her degree, I want her children to know that her story has touched our lives and that her memory lives on at Shelton State Community College.”

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Displaying their Handiwork--The artwork of the students in the Graphics program on the Fredd campus is on display in the lobby of the administration building

Don't miss the Miss Shelton State Pageant Jan. 15, 2000

Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to 11 more issues this school year: one in January; two each are scheduled for February, March, and April. One each month is scheduled for May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier On-line* at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



New Year's Fireworks of the Cosmos

Be sure to catch the cosmos's early celebration of the New Year—the Geminids meteor shower! The spectacular display of meteors will occur on the night of Monday the 13th and the early morning of Tuesday the 14th.

A meteor is the streak of light caused when a small piece of debris enters Earth's atmosphere and burns up due to friction and is commonly called a "shooting star." On any given night there are some five meteors per

hour. During a meteor shower, Earth is passing through large amounts of debris that is typically left behind from a comet. Therefore, a year later the particular meteor shower will occur again -- there are a dozen or so common meteor showers during the year.

When observing a meteor shower, the meteors appear to be coming from the same point in the sky and this point is called the radiant. The constellation where the radiant is located is how the meteor shower gets its name. Our meteor shower will

appear to be coming from the constellation Gemini—hence the name Geminids. The constellation Gemini -- "the twins" -- can be easily found by looking above Orion in the east for two bright stars that make up the heads of the twins -- Castor and Pollux!

So find a dark spot on the night of the 13th and start your holidays by looking up at a brilliant display -- the Geminids meteor shower!

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are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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other financial records and prescription drug in the weeks before and after New Years.

- Withdraw only enough cash to make it through a holiday weekend. Remember you will lose a quarterly dividend if you withdraw a great deal of money.

- Refill your prescriptions if you don't have a five to seven day supply remaining

- Fill up your car as if you were expecting a bout of severe weather

- Check with your dealer or the manufacturer to make sure your essential electronic equipment at home is Y2K compatible. Especially of concern could be programmable alarm systems and thermostats.

- Avoid using the phone and the Internet on Jan. 1 because not only are long delays expected, but you would rather not be a part of the problem, would you?

- Be aware of scam artists. You know, it's already too late to buy your Y2K insurance. And, for

goodness sake, why would you anyway? But don't think you are above being scammed. No one is.

Let's Party?

Besides the anxieties of the new year, there is, of course, a great opportunity to part. About a year ago, all you heard about the new year is all the big plans afoot. Re-

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—Technical Dean Britt Turner

cently, though, plans have tapered off to such a degree that *Time* magazine actually did a cover story extolling the virtue of the intimate, low-key celebration.

Most people at Shelton seem to be favoring the mellow approach, just about what they would be doing any other year—about 50 percent will be at a small party or will be just watching TV.

That goes for the administra-

tors at Shelton, too, for the most part. Both Humphrey Lee, dean of students, and Arthur Howington, dean of instruction, plan quiet, low-keyed evening with their families.

Not so for technical dean Britt Turner! He and his family have decided to blow it out with a once-in-a-millennium family trip to Lake Tahoe. Why the Nevada-California border? "Because it is the most beautiful place on Earth!" explains Turner. He is among the new minority who feels that rare change in the first number in the calendar year is a big deal. "I want to be able to look back in the future and say, 'Yeah, I remember exactly where I was when the new millennium began.' Besides, my family loves to ski and this was one of the few places we could all agree on to be together. I'll be paying for this splurge for a long time to come, but I'm sure it will be worth it."

That's the kind of certainly we might expect from a Ph.D. and a dean, but most of the students seem to take the attitude that Jerry Auera does: "I have no real feelings about the future. We just have to wait for the year 2000 to come and see what happens."

Courier Student Poll

40% of Shelton students plan to be at a small party on New Year's Eve

35% of Shelton students say they will be at a large party on New Year's Eve.

10% of Shelton student say they will be watching TV on New Year's Eve

60% of Shelton students believe there will be a little disruption by the Y2K bug in the new year

25% of Shelton students believe there will be no disruption by the Y2K bug in the new year

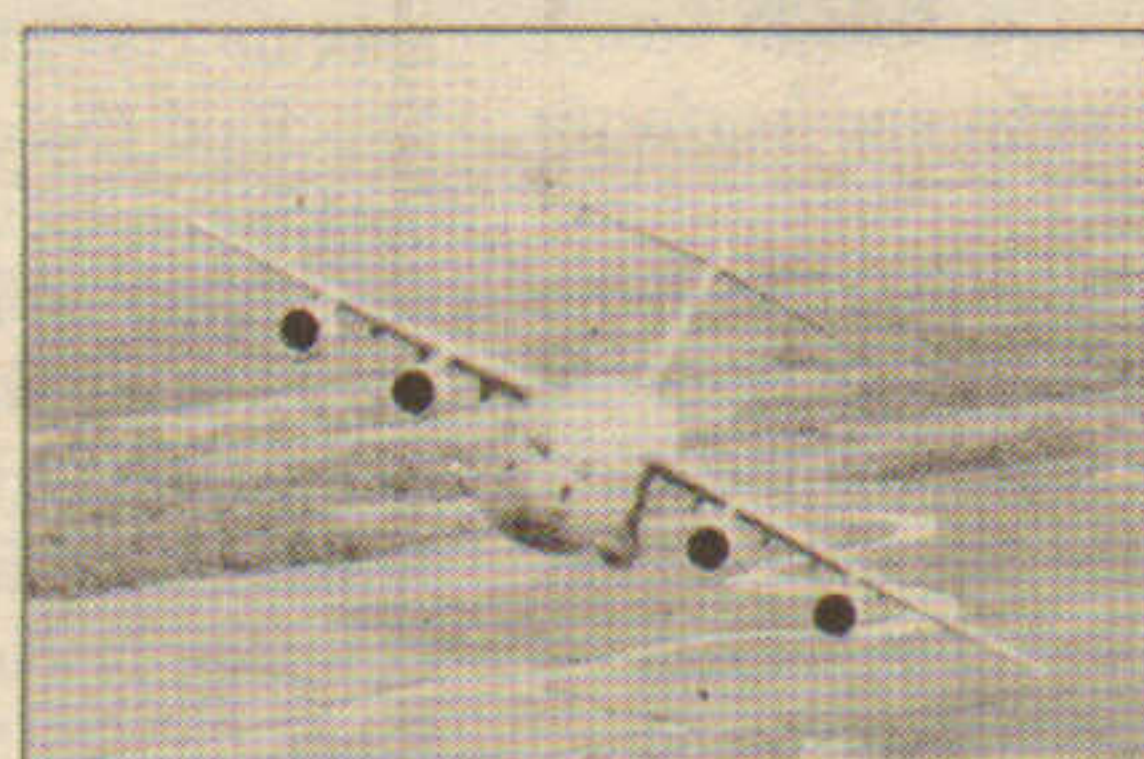
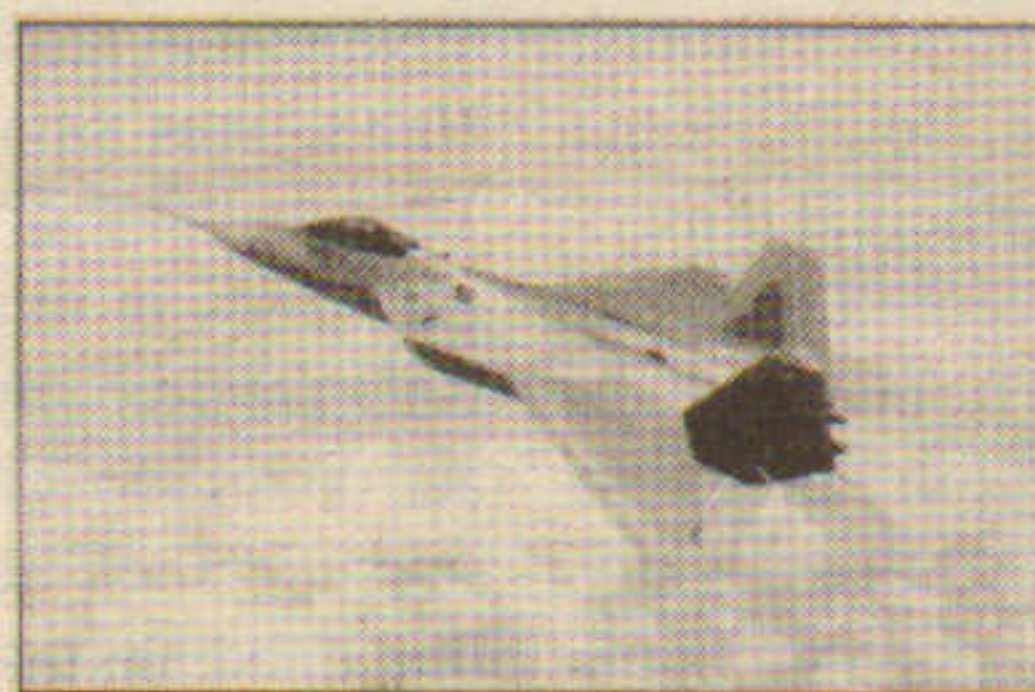
10% of Shelton students believe there will be a great deal of disruption by the Y2K bug in the new year

50% of Shelton students believe the year 2000 will usher in a new era for humanity

25% of Shelton students believe the year 2000

25% of Shelton students have no opinion whether or not the year 2000 will usher in a new era for humanity

Pollster: Brooke Lin



Looks cool, doesn't it?

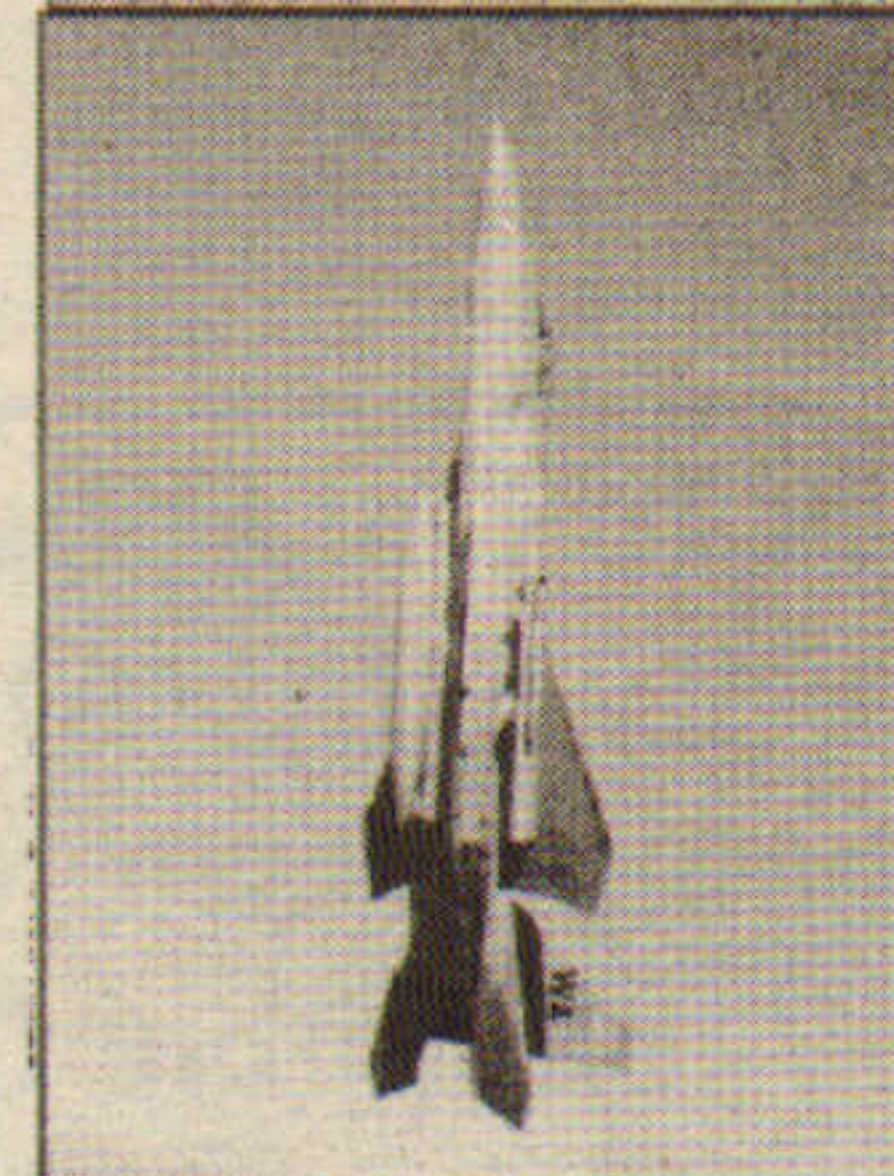
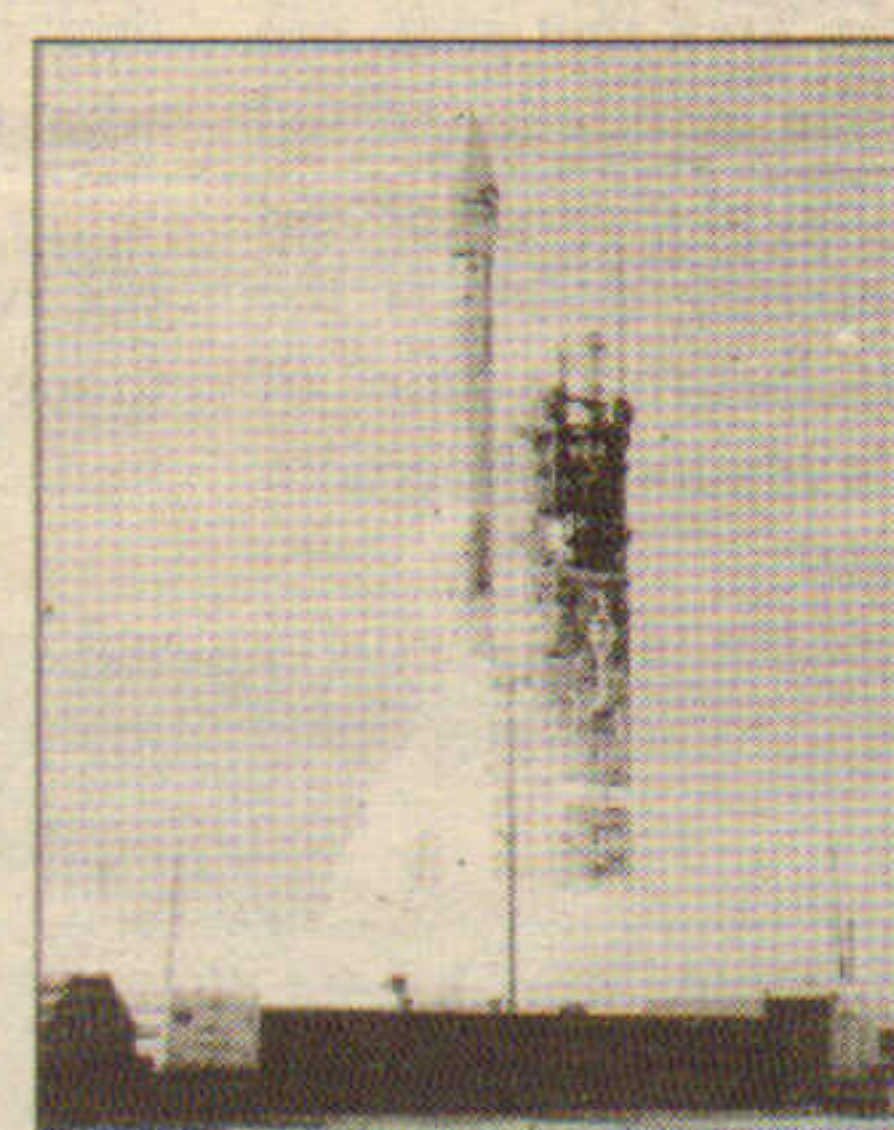
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The Entertainment Page

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Is the music scene in Tuscaloosa no longer about music, but about money?

By Dave Bowman

The Tuscaloosa music scene is probably different than any other music scene in the southeast. Failure to recognize the original artist in all aspects of style is very common among bars in this area.

There must be an understanding that there are original artists in this area that may not very well need to be recognized too? With that in mind, it seems that the almighty dollar is the motivation behind some of Tuscaloosa's vendors in entertainment ultimately.

Fraternity and sorority groups have a great influence on

Tuscaloosa's local music. Some businesses have struggled due to not having an identity. Frequently a bar may go out of business or suffer financially because selected fraternity or sorority groups will rumor that certain establishments are off limits or "suck." Basically, let's not go there because it is not the popular thing to do. Many bars or entertainment venues structure their evening entertainment around what the greeks approve.

What happened to those that believed in music, not money? Is money the art behind what is truly music?

Recently, a regular local original artist was asked to leave a night in which he occupied for many years

because management of this particular venue needed another artist to attract collective friends and make more money.

The original artist suffers for being original. True, the fact that popular music came along second and original was first. Many listeners and customers have been entertained by this individual exclusively for originality only. On the other hand, the new replacement brings close friends only and performs popular favorites.

Can anything function in this town without approval from the greeks? The nature of the more upstanding artist has been a kind, humble approach, but they never got a chance to surface.

with choosing your own road. The road of the artist has been given from within. Hinder not the road of choice for all.

The question here is can any artistic based society of people survive in Tuscaloosa? I think not. If it ain't football, it ain't important.

To finish off the article is a list of the different bars or hotspots of Tuscaloosa.

- **Harry's** is located on the West side. It is a sports bar environment with entertainment every night of the week. Different acts who have performed include Wayne Mills Band and many solo acoustic acts, such as Jon Ray, Adam Jason, Jason Herndon and Gary Edwards.

- **The Coppertop** is located downtown with a smooth / classy environment. It is a great new hangout and is particularly appealing to an older crowd in the evening (happy hour). Both cover and original acts are accepted. Some of the different groups include Gary Edwards and The Bridge, Hale Bruni, Fools Rush, Adam Jason Weisburg, Jason Herndon, Dave Bowman, Sold Out and Marooned.

- **Hale's Tavern**, located on the strip, features a restaurant, bar and live entertainment. This place appeals to all lifestyles and cultures. The food (based on New Orleans cooking) is great and there is always something going on. Different groups that have performed include Crowdpleasers, Suburban Love Junkies, 50 Ways, Hal Bruni, Gary Edwards, Jason Herndon and Fools Rush.

The lifestyle and culture of the greek society is a way of personal desire. There is in no way a problem

- **Pounders**, located on the strip behind Phil's, is mainly a fraternity and sorority based hangout. It involves the "hippie" type society and is interlaced with cover bands popular with college society groups. "PHISH," "Widespread Panic" and "Pink Floyd" are some of the bands that are covered. The local cover bands that play are Freak Magnet,

Sector Nine, Full Circle and Elijah Blue, who also plays original.

- **The Booth**, which is also located on the strip, caters to everybody and anybody. It is also a "hippie" type society that opens its doors to both cover and original groups. Some local bands that have played include Indiana Jones (cover), Freak Magnet (cover), Kings of the Killerfish (original), Hal Bruni and the High Rollers (cover/original) and Wayne Mills Band (cover / original).

- **Rhythm & Brews**, located downtown, is a new place willing to try new things. There is disco, dance and techno music intertwined between live band music. During happy hour, the bar caters to an older country-based crowd. But at night, it turns to a nightclub style scene. There are many cover and original bands that play including Close Proximity (cover), Dust (cover / original), Fuzzy Navel (cover), Indiana Jones (cover), Hal Bruni and the High Rollers (cover / original), Gary Edmonds and the Bridge (cover / original), Jason Herndon Band (original), Crowd Pleasers (cover) and Fools Rush (cover).

- **The Chukker**, located downtown close to Tuscaloosa News, was established in 1958. They are the home of many original bands in this area. They are different from any other bar in town, and there is no discrimination whatsoever. They basically give anything and anyone a try. Different groups that have performed include Dust, Hair, Pain, Mindseye, Scarred for Life and Downloa. The Chukker also features fashion shows, techno music shows, costume shows and poetry readings.

So, depending on what type of music you enjoy, there is something for everyone in Tuscaloosa. It's up to you to find it.

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Happy Birthday to Us All!

Winner of the *Courier's* Third Millennium Essay Contest:
When Tomorrow Becomes Today



By Lewis H. Patten Jr.

We have all heard why the year 2000 is a false milestone. The birthday of Christ now reckoned to be about 4 B.C., so the next year has only arbitrary significance—or none at all?

Like all important events, the observation of the year 2000 is an existential one by that I mean it is one that has no inherent meaning, but has great significance placed on it by human beings. In other words, the dawning of the new millennium is important because we think it is!

This begs the question: Why do we think it is important? If it is not really a nice round number for God's birthday (surely a big-time event, eh?) what other significance does it have? My answer is that in our collective unconscious we now feel

that if we make it as a reasonable civilization to 2000 then we've come of age. Whether or not it is God's birthday as a species. At least I think it is, and if enough people

agree with me, then it is. That's the beauty of an existential celebration.

How old are *Homo sapiens* in the grand scheme of things? That's a tricky question. Nostradamus said the world will end in the year 3000. That would make us middle age as a species. But, then again, scientists say the Earth is going to last until the sun burns out, about 5 billion years from now. That means we're essentially mere embryos in our develop-

ment as a species. Give us a billion years or so and we'll really grow up!

I see our age differently, though. I think the year 2000 is a nice round number of a birthday of a civilization comparable to the age of an individual of 21. And, somehow, I think, subconsciously and existentially, most other people think too. The year 2000 is very, very important because we all think we've come of age as a civilization, a

people. We've grown up.

It is time for us as species to become fully adult in all our dealings—with each other, the world which hosts us, with the other spe-

cies we share our world with, and, eventually, with the other cool, blue marbles in a universe full of hot, white balls.

—First of all, as new adults we must now use all our newly realized resources to deal with each other in intelligent and sophisticated ways—as grown-ups are supposed to. How do we do that, you ask? That surely is much more easily said than done.

It think it can be done, must be done and will be done as we all realize that although we've come of age, we have a good long time to enjoy our adulthood, and the most important thing is that we behave in such a way so as to be able to reach our old age as a civilization. Christians, Muslims, Hindi, Protestants, Shi'ites, Sunnis, meat-eaters, vegans, hunters, tree-huggers, Greenpeace and whale hunters, we all must on the stroke of midnight December 31, think in terms of the big picture, the long haul. Maybe we now have to consult our computers for the best way to act to get along. But however we do it, we are now old and wise enough to know that

the growth cannot be achieved without, first, survival.

If we sit down in our collective unconscious, take stock of our 2000 year infancy and our possible 4,999,998,000-year adulthood, we'll know how important it is to interact with the Earth and all the other species on it in careful, loving, and responsible way. We owe that to the next few million generations to follow.

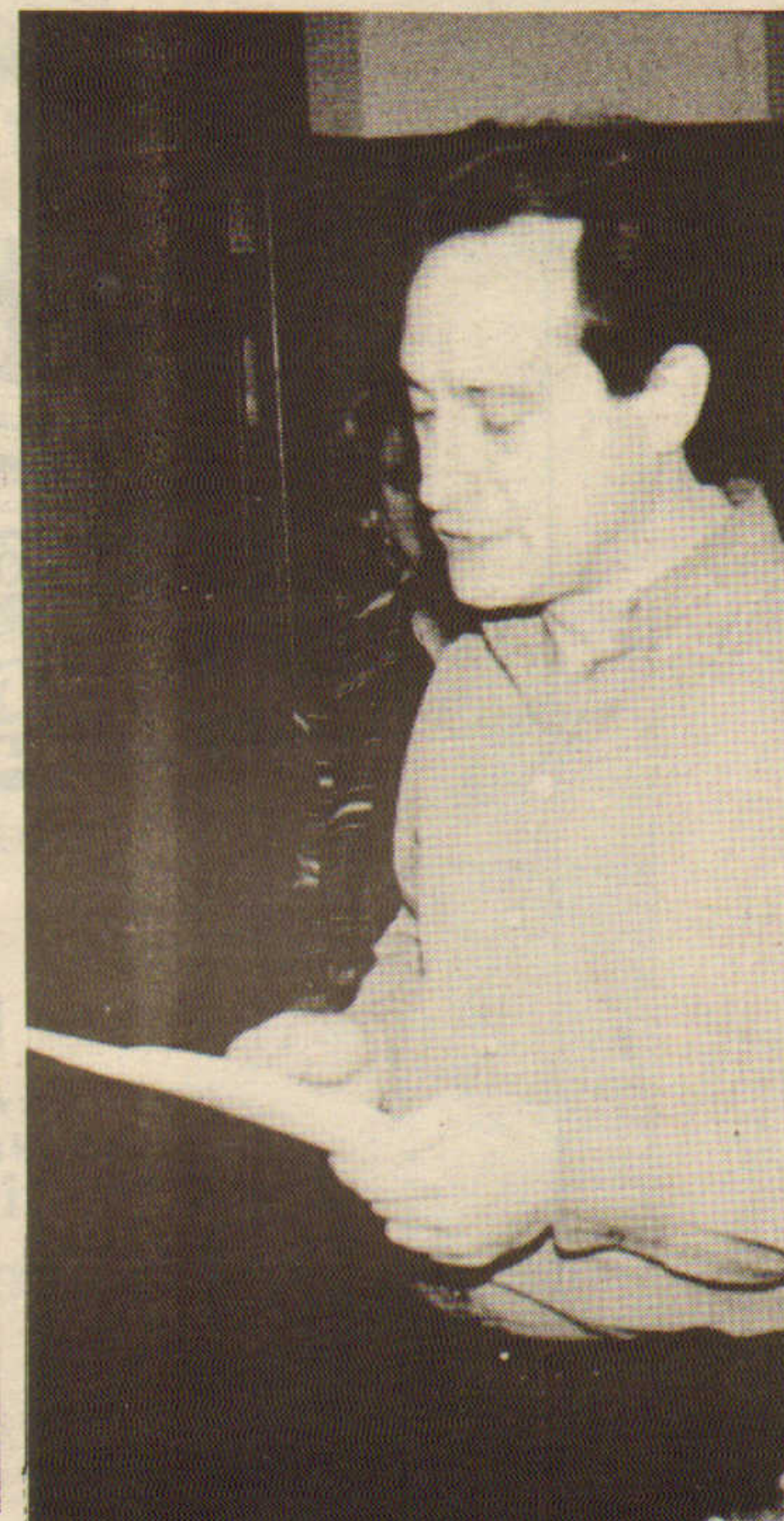
Eventually, then, some time decades, centuries, or millennia from now (it doesn't really matter when), we will manage to push off from the shore of a beautiful, balanced, healthy blue marble of a planet and spread our sails as a proud, confident and wise people and meet our destiny among the distant dots of the navigable cosmos.

And if we make it as a benign, life-embracing species and reach out to any other life that's out there, then it will be because in the year 2000 we made a conscious, existential choice to acknowledge and celebrate our maturity.

Happy birthday to us. And many happy returns. At midnight, I will toast us all.



Party on down with your Courier—Students dance and eat (Top) and staff members drop in (Carolyn Beckman and Bonnie Sabbagh (Below); eventually Lewis Patten Jr. (R) read from his winning essay. Patten, who works in the Tuscaloosa County courthouse, reads the *Courier*, which is delivered to his workplace twice a month





Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Stopping one streak and starting a good one on teams' minds

By Sherrie Barkley

After a four game losing streak, Shelton State's Ladies basketball team pulled out of their slump with a 63-57 victory over Wallace-Selma on Dec. 2.

Natisha Hardrick led the team with a 25 point game and Gennifer Meeks also posted up to bring in 18 points. But the Ladies have now suffered two more defeats.

On Dec. 4, Beville State - Fayette, racked up a 40-30 lead at the half and brought in another 40 points to defeat Shelton with a final score of 88-75.

Although a defeat, the Dec. 6 game rocked the bleachers of our home gym. At the half, Shelton's women led 28-24. Run-

ning head to head throughout the second half, Southern Union slipped away with a 61-59 victory over Shelton.

Coach Madonna Thompson said, "We're a very young team, and it shows by the number of our losses. However, our losses have been by a small margin, and we are improving." The women's record is now 3-7.

The men's team also defended the court at home against Wallace-Selma, and slammed a 102-80 victory. The top scorer in this game, bringing in 20 points, was Rodney Bias, followed closely by Brandon Vaughn with 14 points, Derrick Wright with 13 points and Rod Montgomery with 11 points.

For the men's team, Monday night's game against Southern

Union was also a close call, leaving the crowd suspended on the rim. At the half, Shelton was down 33-37. In the second half, the men played hard, but couldn't quite rebound the opposing team's strong defense and offense. The men's team of Southern Union took home a 90-84 victory over Shelton.

Coach Barry Mohun commented on Monday night's game, "We didn't execute at times during the game when we needed to, and when you're playing good teams like Southern Union, you need to execute and do the little things throughout the whole game." The men's record is now 6-4.

Shelton's next game will be at home on Dec. 9. The women will play Lurleen B. Wallace at 5:30 p.m. and the men will face Jeff Davis at 7:30 p.m.

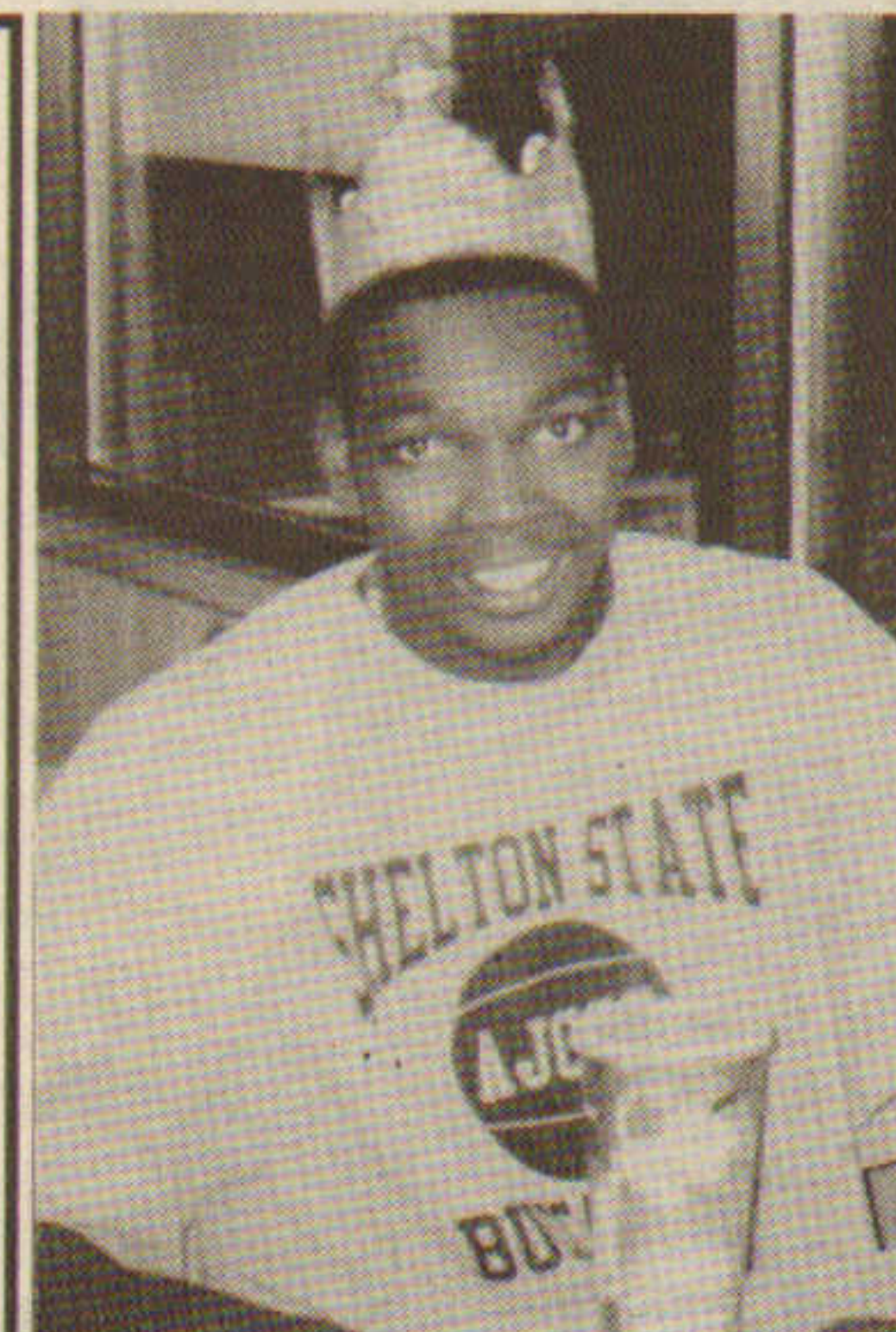
UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 9 Jeff Davis HOME.....7:30
Dec. 17 Gadsden State
Gadsden.....7:30
Jan. 4 Beville-Fayette
Fayette.....7:30
Jan. 10 Wallace-Hanceville
HOME.....7:30

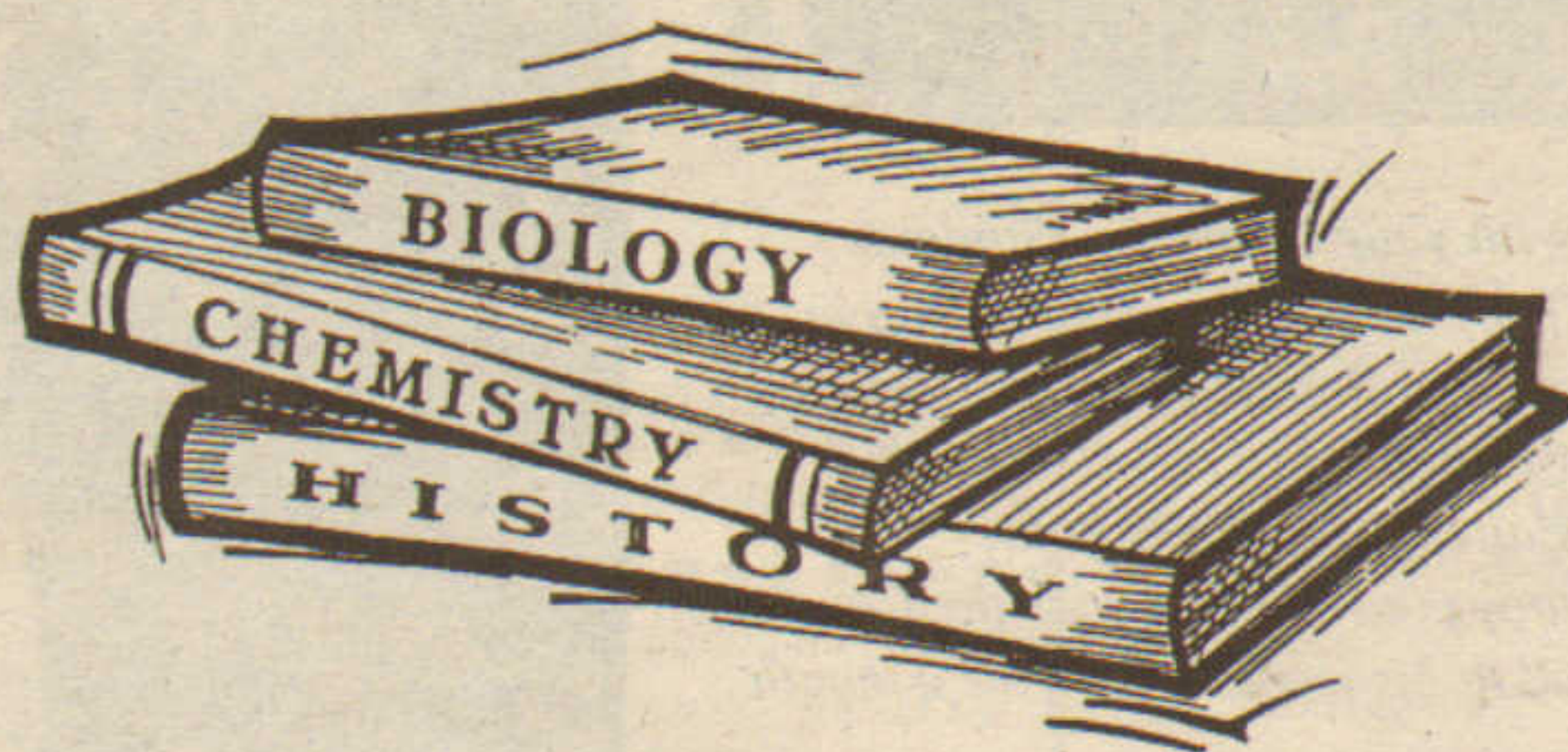
Women's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 11 Miss. Gulf Coast
HOME.....5:30
Dec. 17 Gadsden State
Gadsden 5:30
Dec. 30 Chipola State
Marianna.....4 p.m.
Jan. 7 L.B.W. Andalusia
.....5:30
Jan. 10 Wallace-Hanceville
HOME.....5:30

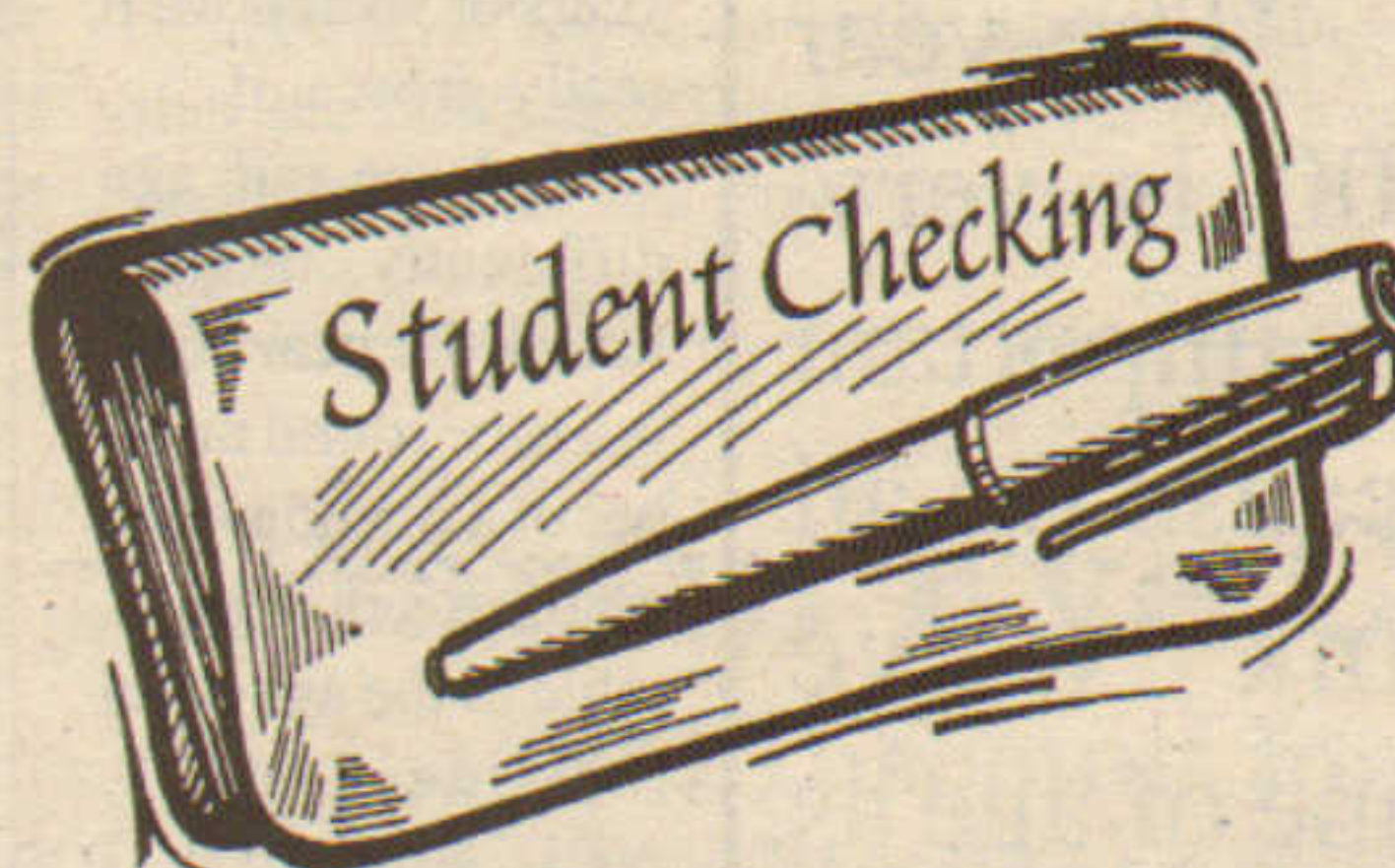


Who is this Pokey Man? During the Buccaneers' recent trip to Florida, the high-flying sensation Rodney "Pokey" Bias donned a crown at a Panama City fast-food joint —photo by Susan Mohun

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Shelton has 45 students named to the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College

Forty-five students from Shelton State Community College have been named to the 2000 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College.

Students named this year from Shelton are:

Laresa Agee, Tuscaloosa
Bernadette Holifield Allen, Brent
Thelma Brown Carpenter, Eutaw
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Shelton re-accredited by SACS

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has re-accredited Shelton State after a review process completed in the spring.

"It is a critical process," said Arthur Howington, dean of instruction of the college. "We need accreditation to stay in business."

President Tom Umphrey thanked the many people who worked on the process, which entails documenting the many programs and classes the college offers and showing the credentials of all the teachers and administrators.

The accreditation process takes about two years and is conducted every 10 years.

Howington was the director of the self-study which laid the groundwork for the process, and Shirley Johnson, chair of the quality council, served as the chair of the faculty-staff steering committee for the accreditation process.

"This is sort of the ultimate seal of approval that the college is performing as an institution of higher education should perform," said Howington.

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According to Collins, the only thing that has been brought in has been money donations and a gift certificate to Wal-Mart. These donations have been made by the faculty and staff.

According to Hoven, the response has been "pretty good." She emphasized that the "campaign isn't over yet, and I hope to get a few

more people involved before it's over."

If you feel the need to donate any item, please do. "Any donation, no matter how small, will be appreciated. Anything that anyone can contribute would be nice," states Hoven.

What's happenin' with clubs at Shelton State this year?

Club Unity Meetings

It is the end of the semester. It is time to say goodbye to friends, books and instructors until next year. This is the last week of meetings for all organizations at Shelton. But

they are still hopping with activity. The stocking stuffers were stuffed and delivered, the angel tree is winding down to a close with the last day to bring in presents being Dec. 11, and the

Y2K food bank 2000, sponsored by Circle K, is still in full swing.

On behalf of all organizations at Shelton, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and see you next year!

Student Government Association

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Student Government Association also had a Christmas party on Dec. 8. It was great fun and a wonderful ending to the year.

We hope to see everyone participate next semester in SGA and all other clubs at Shelton. It's a great way to make friends.

Baptist Campus Ministries



Baptist Campus Ministries had a very exciting year. On Dec. 3, BCM went to Johnny Rockets in Birmingham. Following dinner, they went miniature golfing. They had a blast.

Starting in the spring, Jennifer Young will be the new student minister. Clint Wortham did an awesome job, but he is off to the University of North Alabama. We will miss him very much, but look forward to starting the year with Jennifer.

Any other clubs wishing their news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391--2406.



Circle K had their Christmas party Dec. 8 during their meeting. Every member brought a dirty Santa gift and had a blast swapping them with other members.

Circle K is also very close to becoming chartered. If you would be interested, please see Dr. Grimes in the library.

Circle K has also completed the book drive. They were working closely with the library and the reading department at Shelton State to collect books for Brewer's Porch, a home for disturbed and abused children, ages 10--15. Some of the younger children's stories collected will be taken to the Shelton State Child Development Center.

Some Circle K members will be attending a conference January 14--16 in Gulf Shores.



Phi Theta Kappa's initiation and orientation will take place in the spring.

PTK will also be having a Christmas party at Mrs. Ryan's house Dec. 9. There will be pizza and plenty of fun and fellowship. A great end to a wonderful semester.

Another project that will take shape over the Christmas holidays is the book that Phi Theta Kappa will write for the Regional Write -- A -- Book Contest. This contest is where each chapter writes and illustrates a children's story. The regional goal is to compile the winning stories, publish them into one book and distribute them to elementary schools throughout Alabama.

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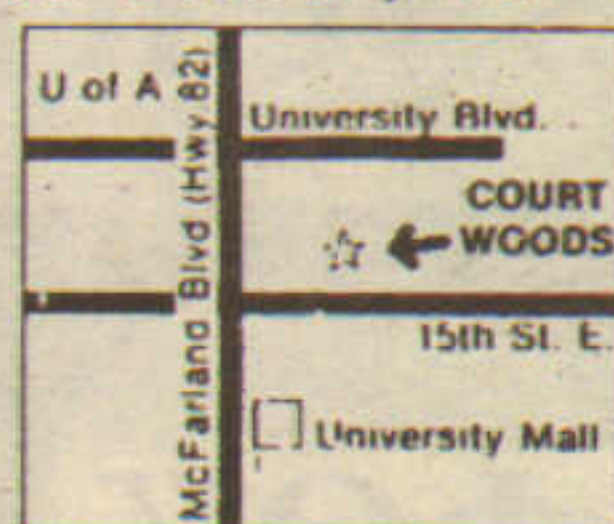


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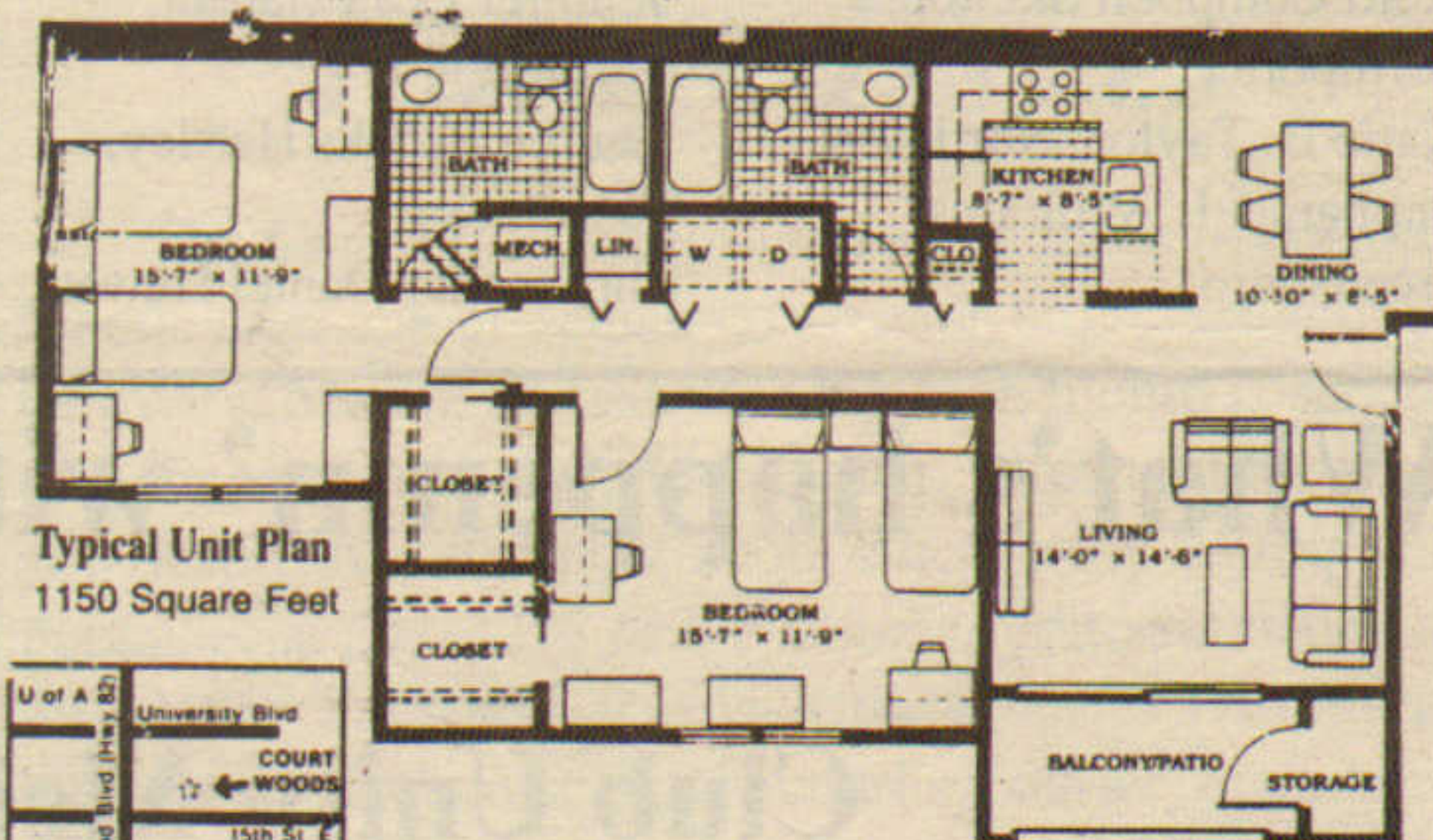
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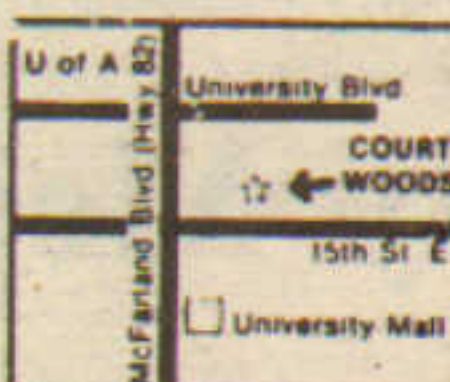
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